Replacement of BSF by CRPF

1463. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to replace Border Security Force in Srinagar and other towns of Kashmir Valley by Central Reserve Police Force;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether CRPF has adequate strength there to deal with situation or more CRPF Personnel will be posted there; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The Group of Ministers (GoM; on Reforming the National Security System, *inter-alia,* recommended that Internal Security (IS) duties should be entrusted to Central Reserve Police Force and the Rashtriya Rifles and Border Guarding Forces should be reverted to their primary role. The deployment of Forces made available to the State Government to assist in maintenance of law and order or to perform Internal Security duties is decided by the State Government. Unified Headquarters have been set up for taking decision in such and other related matters.

(c) and (d) With the augmentation of Central Para Military Forces in a phased manner, it would be possible to replace BSF deployed on IS/CI duties for their primary role.

Inspection of High-Rise Buildings

1464. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court has ordered Delhi Fire Service to complete inspection of all the high-rise buildings in the capital, as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of 20th December, 2002;

(b) if so, how many such high-rise buildings are there in the capital and out of which how many have been inspected and asked to conform to fire safety standards; and

(c) time by when the process would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the records available with Delhi Fire Service, there are at present 767 High Rise Buildings in Delhi, of which 220 were constructed prior to the notification of Buildings Byelaws for Union Territory of Delhi in June, 1983. The 547 High Rise Buildings constructed after June, 1983 had obtained 'no objection certificate' from Delhi Fire Service as per the prescribed procedure before obtaining the Completion Certificate. Of the remaining 220 High Rise Buildings constructed prior to June, 1983,152 have also provided bare minimum safety facility prescribed under the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.

Delhi Fire Service has in the last 4-5 months inspected 114 High Rise Buildings, including 68 buildings which do not conform to the minimum fire sefety standards.

(c) The time limit laid down by the High Court of Delhi for completion of this exercise is due to expire on 31st March, 2003.

Gearing up to make police force more friendly

1465. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has geared up to make force more people friendly;

(b) if so, the measures devised for the purpose; and

(c) the steps devised to control corruption within the force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.